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SUBJ: POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM FUNDS

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POST UNDERSTANDS CONSTRAINTS OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION BUT WOULD HOPE THAT FSI COULD FIND WITHIN ITS WORLDWIDE EXPENDITURE LIMIT THE FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS REQUIRED TO ALLOW CONTINUATION OF JIDDA POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM. EXPENDITURES DURING FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER OF FY74 WERE UNUSALLY LOW BECAUSE OF INSTRUCTORS' LEAVE AND RELUCTANCE TO CONTINUE NORMAL PROGRAM DURING PERIOD OF OCTOBER WAR. ONE'S COMMAND OF ARABIC DETERIORATES RATHER RAPIDLY WHEN NOT REGULARLY EXERCISED; SUSPENSION OF PRESENT PROGRAM WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN HIGH DEGREE OF WASTAGE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR BEGINNERS GROUP INSTRUCTION ALREADY UNDERWAY. IS IT NOT POSSIBLE TO FIND WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE LARGE POSTS OF EUROPE AND ASIA THE SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED BY AMEMBASSY JIDDA? WE PARTICULARLY BELIEVE THAT THE INSTRUCTION REQUESTED BY MR. BUTCHER WOULD BE A GREAT BENEFIT BOTH TO MR. BUTCHER AND TO THE POST SINCE THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE AT PRESENT A COMMERCIAL OFFICER WITH ANY ARABIC SPEAKING ABILITY.
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